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David Stark, Esquire  
Hearing Officer  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules  
and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order  
**Docket No. 2018-318-E**

Dear Mr. Stark:

On April 9, 2019, Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" or the "Company") filed a letter in which it indicated that it planned to offer testimony beyond the scope of its pre-filed testimony to respond to: "(1) matters raised at the night hearings in Florence and Sumter; and (2) certain matters raised in [South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff] surrebuttal testimony that DEP has not had an opportunity to respond to previously."

Provided the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") is given the same opportunity and flexibility to respond to matters raised at the night hearings in Florence and Sumter outside of pre-filed testimony, ORS would not object to DEP's doing the same.

Additionally, ORS would not object to DEP being given the opportunity to respond to issues raised in ORS surrebutal testimony related to bonuses.

ORS does object to new or different information being introduced by DEP witnesses Henderson, Hunsicker, and Bateman beyond their pre-filed testimony. DEP asserts that ORS updated or changed its position in surrebuttal testimony. However, the substantive change made by ORS relates to updated expenses for Customer Connect through December 2018, which ORS updated in response to DEP rebuttal testimony. (See Bateman, Rebuttal page 19, lines 1-4).

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ORS notes that on multiple occasions several numbers provided in the Company's application and direct testimony were updated leaving ORS little time to respond to new information. To the extent any differences between ORS witness' direct and surrebuttal testimonies exist, they are merely responsive to issues raised by DEP in its rebuttal. If the Commission is inclined to allow additional testimony from the parties, ORS respectfully requests the same opportunity.

Sincerely,



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